



NEWS ADVISORY

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UDOH Hosts Town Meeting to Discuss Monticello Cancer Study

- What:** The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) will host a town meeting to discuss the findings of a UDOH study, evaluating cancer rates in Monticello, Utah. Discussion will focus on whether cancer rates in Monticello are elevated when compared to the population of Utah.
- Why:** From 1943 through 1960, a uranium and vanadium processing mill operated immediately south of Monticello, Utah. The mill site and surrounding properties were considered public health hazards and were National Priorities List sites. Remediation of contaminated soils from the mill site and affected areas surrounding mill property was completed in 2000. In 2005, the Southeastern Utah District Health Department asked the UDOH to prepare a health consultation report (study) in response to concerns expressed by citizens regarding potential for increased cancer risk due to past exposure to the mill site.
- Who:** Officials from the UDOH, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Utah Department of Environmental Quality, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Energy and Southeastern Utah District Health Department
- When:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006
6 to 7:30 p.m.
- Where:** Monticello High School Auditorium
197 South 200 West
Monticello, Utah
- Public Records:** The final report will be released to the public on Wednesday, May 24, 2006, and will be available for review at the Monticello City Offices, 17 North 100 East, Monticello, Monday through Friday during business hours.

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